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Haliburton to host world sled dog race

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Dreams do come true.

When Karen Koehler, an Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher and director of the recently formed Canadian Association of Harness Dog Sports (formerly Mushing Canada), applied in December for the opportunity to host the International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Championships in 2017 she knew she had a good chance.

With only Cable, Wisconsin as a rival bid, Koehler said in an interview with the *Minden Times* in December that the Haliburton Forest venue is ideal for its facilities, network of trails, infrastructure and proximity to Toronto's airport for competitors who will come from the U.S., across Canada and Europe.

Koehler is looking forward to the event that could draw close to 200 competitors.

"I am really excited to have [the world championships] coming to my doorstep after travelling to Norway, Alaska and Germany for three championships," Koehler said, referring to her involvement with skijoring.

Competitors from within the field of the championships "seem very excited as well, especially in Canada and the U.S. Haliburton is already known as a great area to race, because of the race held at the Pinestone (organized by Winterdance

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It pays to plan ahead, housing managers say

JENN WATT

Editor

Four years ago, Dan Ball, 55, was paying \$500 a month to live in a bachelor apartment in Bancroft. The unit had no bedroom and didn't even have an oven,

he said, just burners to heat things up on.
The cost was too high for what he was getting and Ball decided to put his name on the list for housing in Wilberforce.

Two and a half years later, he was offered an affordable one-bedroom apartment at Maple View on Loop Road.

"It's beautiful here," he says. "It is great.

I'm so thankful. I wish we could have more affordable housing [in the county]."

There is quite a bit of housing in Haliburton County – affordable and market rate – but demand has outpaced supply consistently, leading to lengthy waiting liets

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The Minden Times, The Echo's sister paper, was nominated in its circulation class for general excellence and is also a

finalist in the editorial writing category.

The Echo and Times's humour columnist, Steve Galea, has also been nominated for Humour Columnist of the Year in the com-

First, second and third place will be revealed at a gala presentation in Toronto on Friday, May 22.

HHHS CEO clarifies rebranding

Provincial funds earmarked for communications necessary for informing public, Eskedjian says

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services' plan to spend a \$50,000 grant from the province on rebranding includes more than a new logo, its CEO says.

At the HHHS board meeting Jan. 29,

a discussion of rebranding the organization had come up and following that report in the newspaper, letters to the editor expressed concern that the price tag was too high. The letter writers suggested funds go to front-line staff rather than rebranding.

CEO Varouj Eskedjian said in an interview with the *Echo* that the money – which comes from a provincial fund and is earmarked for communications – is essential for informing the public about the changing face of HHHS.

"The reason for it is we as an organization are not the same organization we were when Haliburton Highlands Health Services was formed and we built two hospitals on two sites in Minden and Haliburton. We're much more than a hospital," said Eskedjian.

While HHHS is best known for its acute care and emergency facilities, it also provides long-term care, mental health services and supportive housing. And in 2014 during the integration process, HHHS added community services including meals on wheels, hospice services, transportation services, adult day programming, diners' club, and more.

"We have changed by virtue of our interation with Community Care Haliburton County as well as receiving the transfer of the former SIRCH hospice program and the VON program that was offered for adult day," he said.

Add to that a \$1 million infusion to support high-risk seniors in Haliburton County through a GAIN (geriatric assessment and integration network), including support for those with mental health conditions, the hiring of a community GAIN co-ordinator, assisted living, physiotherapy services and a palliative care commuThings have changed so much in the last 15 years, Eskedjian said, that proper communications around the services and planned direction (as a leader in rural health care) is essential.

The \$50,000 comes from the Small Northern Rural Hospitals Transformation Fund and was specifically granted to HHHS for rebranding and communications following a year of intense transfor-

Eskedjian said that HHHS is careful with its money and puts the greatest amount of funding into front-line staffing.

'Sometimes we receive funding – and the \$50,000 is a good example of it – where we're only able to spend it for its intended purpose," he said.

He stressed that donations to HHHS through the foundation or auxiliaries goes directly to equipment and capital projects

for which the money was given.

"It's important to point out we never use any donated dollars and we will never use any donated dollars except for their intended purpose, which is to buy equipment and things like lifts that enable our staff to provide best possible and latest modern care that we can provide to them."

Eskedjian said he hopes the \$50,000 from the province can help spread the word within the community of the new face of HHHS – its new staff, programming, services and goals of becoming a rural health



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— CEO Varouj Eskedjian Haliburton Highlands Health Services



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BIA gets reeve's vote of confidence

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area has a lot to be thankful for when it comes to the downtown's health.

With a successful year and a \$9,800 surplus (due to events cancelled because of weather and reduced admin costs), the BIA members were in a congratulatory mood at this year's annual general meeting on Monday, Feb. 9 at the Dysart council chambers.

The BIA members said the surplus would allow an expansion of beautification efforts and other projects.

BIA chairperson Luke Schell was complimentary to the BIA nine-member executive committee about the work it has done in the past two years.

"We've had an amazing year, two years. We're feeling good about coming to our meetings. They're fun meetings. They're productive meetings. We really feel like we're moving forward. We're trying to get things done. We're moving forward. We're trying to get things done. We're all here for the exact right reasons. We're all interested in making Haliburton Village a better place to visit and I feel like the levy that's being paid by the membership of the BIA is really being put to as good use as it could be. I'm really quite proud of the committee. It's a great group," he said. "It makes being [a chairperson] so easy when you go to meetings and everybody is on the

He thanked BIA administrator Gail Stelter for her work in general this year and in producing the annual report (available by contacting haliburtonbia@mail.com), which outlined sales promotions, beautification projects, special events such as the *Haliburton Echo*'s Midnight Madness. Schell gave his personal congratulations to Reeve Mur-

ray Fearrey on his win in the fall election and for his dedication to the community.

"No one is ever going to beat you," he said. "Congratulations. I'm certainly very happy that you have been our reeve. You have done a phenomenal job. Personally, in my opinion, I think slow, steady growth is the way to go in community. I'm with you on being very careful sometimes about ... large industry can be a death knell,"

"Good for you to take the job on," he said.

Fearrey appreciated the vote of confidence and thanked the BIA for its efforts this past year.

First, he commended the hiring of Gail Stelter. What a breath of fresh air she is," he said. "She's done an amazing job in my opinion."

Then he complimented the nine board of directors.

"I also want to commend you guys on the work that you did on the last year or two. It's noticeable. The events are important," he said.

He adds the township is doing its best to bring events such as the upcoming boat race on Head Lake, which has caused "little bit of trouble."

"It's a bit of noise for a couple of days, but it's going to bring hundreds of people here and that's what we need to bring people into town who haven't been here before. That event will do that," he said.

He acknowledges it is tough for businesses, which on the whole must derive the bulk of their profits from close to eight months in the Highlands.

Fearrey also took the opportunity to deliver news of the expected rise of the commercial tax rate of four to five per cent (not taking into account any education tax rate changes), which he said is "very competitive" with other municipalities and is due to the OPP costs, the two "unbelievable" storms that required the township to take money from reserves, which must be paid back.

He adds the township is looking at addressing the empty storefronts in the downtown to make the town more attractive.

He reminded the BIA that the upcoming Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ Winter Games is a good thing even if it doesn't seem like there is a financial gain at spe-



Local merchant Andy Glecoff confirmed at the annual general meeting that he is stepping away from the Business Improvement Area board of directors. Glecoff, who was thanked for his commitment and dedication by the BIA, was most recently a vice-chairman and had served the BIA for close to 18 years. /DARREN LUM Staff

cific establishments.

"All of those events, [the athletes] may not come in to the V&S necessarily if we can create some economy out of that then other people have money to go into the V&S. A lot of people, if they don't see them in their stores, they say to me, 'Well, I didn't see anybody.' Well, you know what? You put cash in people's pockets it's going to spin back out into the community. That's just the way the economy works," he said.

For all the praise, Fearrey still offered constructive feedback and reminded the BIA to improve its website.

He pointed out Dysart's website is getting a lot of hits and an opportunity to promote BIA events is not being taken advantage of.

Fearrey thanked new downtown merchant Jerry Walker, who took over the Haliburton Home Hardware and was acclaimed as the newest member of the BIA executive committee.

Schell welcomed the nomination of Walker, a local downtown businessman.

"I can't think of a better person to sit on the committee," he said.

Walker is also with the chamber of commerce as a vicepresident.

He hopes for better cohesion between the BIA and the

Executive member and longtime downtown merchant Andy Glecoff officially stepped away from the committee as its vice-chairperson.

Schell thanked Glecoff, whom he characterized as the hardest working person, for his dedication and the

ideas related to the streetscape improvements such as the colour scheme and removing the hydro poles from the

downtown.
"You have served your time, buddy. Above and beyond," he said.

Glecoff started with the BIA in 1995 and, besides a few years, provided 18 years of work.

"It's time for new blood," said Glecoff.

"If you guys need me I'm there," he said. Executive member Christopher O'Mara-Enders will replace Glecoff as the new vice-chairman.

Glecoff took the opportunity to ask Fearrey about his campaign promise to promote economic growth.

There are three ways to grow, Fearrey said, citing health care, housing and the construction sector as places to focus attention on.

Work by the township is underway for housing. He adds with close to 500 workers in construction, this is an area of opportunity.

Fearrey gets upset when he sees trucks for out-of-town companies in town.

He said it comes down to education.

Homebuilders, he said, should do a better job when it comes to following up and following through with potential clients otherwise they'll look out of the county.

"I can't tell people how to run their business, but we can encourage them [that] they would have more business if they did a little better job of helping themselves," he said. "I'm probably going to be in trouble ... that's the

Workshop promotes trust, leadership

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Just like the untracked snow at YMCA Wanakita, the Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students were walking a new path to discovering trust and winter activities at an Outdoor Leadership Student Workshop funded by the board.

On Monday, Feb. 9, 12 students from the healthy active living education and recreation and fitness leadership classes participated in the daylong outing, which not only encouraged team building through various exercises, but also tested the participants in snowshoeing and Nordic skiing, some for the first time.

HHSS Grade 12 student Thomas Davis was among several who had never tried snowshoeing or Nordic skiing before.

"I think it was an awesome experience to be able to get out and do something you've never done before and be able to push your limits with things that you might not have known to exist," he said.

He added the outing afforded the opportunity to feel comfortable with trying something new and to not be afraid of failure

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board through the Outdoor Education Opportunities fund helped to pay for the students' visit.

Ron Yake, the teacher for both classes, applied for the funding.

"The objective of the day was to pro-

"The objective of the day was to provide students with team building activities, and opportunities to experience other activities they could pursue in their adult



There were 12 senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students (pictured here roasting marshmallows around a fire during a snowshoe excursion in the backwoods) who participated in a daylong outing at YMCA Wanakita near Haliburton, learning about teambuilding and the opportunity to try snowshoeing and Nordic skiing. The Trillium Lakelands District School Board funded the outing. /DARREN LUM Staff

lives, all in the outdoor education setting," he wrote in an email following the outing.

Supervising teacher Tim Davies reiterated what his colleague said.

He also saw this trip help to establish

the team concept and trust between peers. The day started with trust exercises.

One of them included Mouse Trap, which included a team of two where one is blind-folded and the other with sight must put the partner's hand on a mouse trap without have the trap close.

In the morning, the group was taught how to Nordic ski and then following a provided lunch the group was given an overview and history of the snowshoe. The teens then went out into the back-country, covering a few kilometres, traversing a small body of water and learned how to build a fire where they roasted marshmallows and cooked bannock.

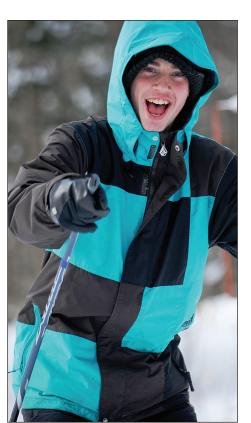
There are important lessons, Davies said, for those who want to be leaders or

who are interested in not taking life so seriously.

"A number of us today took a lot of risks that we normally would not be given to do so and we're finding that sometimes when you make a mistake like fall down [while] cross-country skiing it's also kind of fun as long as you can handle the slight embarrassment if it happens or you can just enjoy the experience of entertaining others. That's an important skill to have as a leader," he said.

Davies can see this introduction to these winter sports as a possible lifelong involvement.

"It's nice to have these opportunities. They will be able to get involved with the sport itself, pass it on to their own kids or help out the community. Even if it is just promoting them," he said.



Grade 12 student Thomas Davis was one of 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior students that participated in a daylong outing at the YMCA Wanakita. / DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Shae MacNaull Nordic skis during an outdoor education field trip on Monday, Feb. 9 at YMCA Wanakita. This trip helped to expose students to teambuilding exercises and learn about snowshoeing and Nordic skiiing. The outing was funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. / Darren Lum Staff



High level of care paramount: report

Compiled by area health team, paper outlines residents' health-care concerns

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Funding, long-term care and the cost of medication were just some health care concerns area residents expressed in public consultations conducted by the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team.

Those findings, compiled in a report, were submitted to Haliburton County council by health team executive director Mike Perry during a Feb. 13 council meet-

In partnership with area health teams, including the one for the Haliburton Highlands, public consultations took place in Fenelon Falls, Beaverton, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Omemee and Haliburton in late 2013 and early 2014.

The consultations were attended by about 100 people.

"Some of the findings, I'm sure, won't surprise anyone in this room," Perry told councillors.

One of those findings was that residents are OK with their tax dollars being spent on health care, so long as they continue to receive a high level of care.

"Continued, sustained – and increased – funding of health-care services was the predominant concern of participants at the consultations," the report reads.

"People also expressed concerns about the lack of public information around proposed funding models for the health-care

A new health accord, the system

through which the federal government provides health-care funding to provinces, was renewed in 2014.

The province's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) also came up during

"Some people argued the LHINs work well and were also very appreciative of the services and programs offered by community health centres," the report

"Other participants expressed concerns about insufficient local direction and input in health-care services and funding

Other findings included a want for increased staffing at long-term care homes, a need for recruitment of more doctors and health-care professionals in rural areas and a desire for more at-home

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wondered what would become of the

report.
"Other than presenting it, as you are doing, what's going to happen to it?" Moffatt asked Perry.

Perry said the report was a device local politicians could use in their conversations with other levels of government.

"It's giving you a tool to say, look, we have concrete evidence," he said.

Perry, who was recently named the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for this year's federal election, said he's also going to take the report

A Placed Called Home gets funding for shelter services

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Some much needed funding from the City of Kawartha Lakes is going to ensure that A Place Called Home continues offering hostel services that help residents of Haliburton County.

At a Feb. 10 City of Kawartha Lakes council meeting, councillors passed a motion to give the homelessness prevention organization up to \$73,000 in additional funding for 2015.

The money is in addition to a significant yearly sum APCH receives from CKL and is to be used for hostel funding, according to draft minutes provided by the CKL chief administrative officer.

The funds are coming out of the city's health and social services budget. Based out of Lindsay, APCH delivers

services throughout Haliburton County with a full-time outreach co-ordinator in the Highlands, as well as shelter to those

While it is not yet clear if APCH will be receiving the full \$73,000, the organization's executive director said she is feeling



It's difficult for all agencies out there trying to get by as a not-for-profit. We're not the only ones.

> Executive director Lorrie Polito, A Place Called Home

"That will ease some of the burden on us and enable us to keep running this year without making any major changes or cuts to staff or services," said Lorrie Polito, executive director for APCH.

"That's better than just closing the door and not having any talks. So we're very pleased with that outcome. It's a great

The current financial challenges APCH is facing are not unique, as cities and municipalities are tightening their budg-

APCH's goal is to offer needed support to those seeking shelter and a place

"It's difficult for all agencies out there trying to get by as a not-for-profit," said Polito. "We're not the only ones."

One of the organization's biggest concerns and challenges is reduced staff working after-hours, sometimes with just one staff member on duty, said Polito.

"We're seeing an increase in the number of elderly people that need our help,"

The services offered by APCH in Haliburton County are funded federally and will therefore continue until 2016 regardless of the decision from CKL, said Polito.

She believes it's in everyone's interest to keep the social services agency active, as it benefits both its users and the area it

A service agreement between A Place Called Home and the City of Kawartha Lakes has been in place since 2002.

"We're very connected to the city," said Polito. "But as they have said ... they are not 100 per cent responsible for covering every dollar that you need to run the hostel. But to do what they need us to do then they kind of are."

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Welcome to the Highlands

TO THE 55+ Winter Games L participants, spectators and supporters visiting the Highlands this week:

People across Haliburton County have been busy working this last month (some for many months) preparing for your arrival. Accommodations have been arranged, sports venues prepared, entertainment coordinated and festive ceremonies planned to make

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your stay here one to remember.

We know you'll enjoy visiting your competition venues, meeting the hundreds of community volun-

teers helping out in their cheery yellow scarves and seeing the beautiful winter landscapes across the county.

Organizers have gone to great lengths to present as much of the Highlands experience as possible to you through the accommodations, food, drink and entertainment planned, but there is much more to the county than what you can experience in two or three days.

We hope you have a wonderful time skiing at Sir Sam's, skating in Wilberforce and curling in Halibur-

We also hope you'll notice our vibrant hamlets, innovative businesses, impressive institutions and plethora of community events and

And we hope you'll come back again – perhaps in the summer – to take in more of what we have to

As your bus drives through Haliburton Village, bringing you to your sports venue, you'll see the expanse

of Head Lake, likely dotted with snowmobiles and skaters taking advantage of the icy surface. In the summer, kayaks, canoes and powerboats replace those snowmobiles. Some days you'll see a windsurfer, water-skier or someone lifted into the air on a parasail.

of the Arts can be found painting or sketching outside and cottag-

> It's a common scene across the county. Each of the hamlets, from Dorset to Cardiff offers its own picturesque landscape with plenty to do and see year

Jenn Watt

If you're a skier at Sir Sam's this week, take a moment when you're on the top of that hill and imagine those trees flushed in fall colours.

If you're skating at the arena in Wilberforce, imagine the ball diamond filled with animals, food and community booths in a traditional agricultural fair.

If you're playing hockey in Minden, imagine the banks of the Gull River lined with people in red and white for the county's largest Canada Day celebration as they cheer on whimsical rafts in the annual Crazy Raft Race.

The list goes on.

Of course, you can also just look around you and see what you see right now: a winter wonderland filled with people taking joy in

We are thrilled you're here to experience the games in the Highlands. We hope you come back to visit us again.

Canadä

Students from Haliburton School ers walk the streets shopping and

taking in music in the park.



Belinda Gallagher

outdoor spaces" will be the rage. This trend report, published each

the most used colours. It has been a very long time since pink was at the top of the gardener's list. I had to go through several years of old seed catalogues to find pink on a cover of a catalogue and just as many years of photographs to find pink as the focus of my garden. In 2008, I grew a few pots of the dark pink annual portulaca. It was the first year that I could find it in a single colour rather than a mix and I remember it being quite striking. But alas, my favourite source for seed, William Dam Seeds of Dundas, Ontario is only offering "Double Mix" and "Happy Trails Mix."

year by the Garden Media Group, also

indicated that pink and teal would be

Lucky for me, on the same page is a lovely petunia, "Opera Supreme Pink Morn" that won the All America Selections award in 2007. It will be a nice addition to my containers this year, perhaps with that ornamental corn with



Day's End by Darren Lum

Scrumptious seed catalogues

¬HIS, THE COLDEST TIME of the year, holds a particular delight for the gardener - the arrival of scrumptious seed and plant catalogues in the post. Some consider this to be the beginning of the garden season, well ahead of spring flowers and pungent soil. The dawn of online shopping means that many seed and plant lists have to be formally requested in order to get a hard copy, but it is worth the effort in my opinion. I love being able to cuddle up with a hot chocolate during a snowstorm and surround myself with stacks of catalogues, each one offering a parade of

garden models. The 2015 editions haven't disappointed. Just as clothing fashion and home décor change over the years, so do the choices for our outdoor spaces. I was delighted to read in the 2015 Garden Trends Report that no-fuss cacti and succulents will be extra-popular this year and that "purposefully unstyled

the pink, green and cream leaves. Add a seed grown hibiscus called "Honeymoon" and the pots will be pretty in

Every year I do plant a nice long row of sweet peas, usually "Old Spice Mix" for the fragrance. They remind me of my mother-in-law, who loved having a bunch on the kitchen table. Among last year's photos of the garden, there is a lovely soft pink flower, blooming by itself on the trellis. Certainly this would rate as trendy if I can find seed.

Regarding the teal, that's a problem for sure. There aren't any truly

teal annual or perennial flowers that I know of so I guess it will have to be a teal pot if I want to be in style for the summer. I wonder if teal is avail-

able in spray paint?
Back to the seed catalogues, I have poured over the vegetable and herb sections and discovered a few choice newcomers to try. There is a dark purple carrot called "Purple Sun" that is supposed to be purple to the core. I have grown "Purple Haze" for a few

years but it is orange in the centre. It is a hit with children.

The other thing I am trying is Asperbroc. I don't know if it is new to the world or just new to me. It is a broccoli that has lots of little florets over a long season that taste like broccoli and asparagus. Yummy.

And I must try one of those striped eggplants if I can find one with a short growing season.

Over the next couple of months, as I get ready for spring, I'll share with you some hints and tips for seed starting and some selections to be trendy for 2015. TIP ONE: Fondle a few catalogues. TIP TWO: Add pink.



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points of view

Icy nerves

THE OTHER DAY I went ice fishing to a lodge far north of

As always, I was excited to get there.

I was even more excited when the lodge owner pointed to an ice road he had plowed and gave directions how to drive my truck to

I'm not sure whether it was the cold or the thought of driving there, but parts of me tightened up.

He must have noticed it too. Or perhaps it was the less subtle startled look I gave and the involuntarily jump backwards as I clutched my heart.

Suffice it to say, I do not like driving on ice.

"It's perfectly safe. There's three feet of ice," he said. "That's more than enough to support a truck. Of course, if you are uncomfortable driving your vehicle out there, we can provide transportation.

Before we go further, perhaps I should expand upon my considered opinion on the matter. I am terrified of driving my vehicle on the frozen surface of any lake because I am terrified of driving my vehicle *under* the frozen surface of any lake.

Heck, Í can't even watch the TV show Ice Road Truckers.

Here is the way my logic on the matter works. Ice is essentially stubborn water. And water is for things

My SUV does not float. I have tried this experiment in several puddles.

Nevertheless, I found myself in a bit of a predicament.

You see I was with a buddy. And I'm pretty sure he thinks there is no outdoors challenge I wouldn't tackle – with the exception of picking leeches and hellgrammites out of a bait bucket of course.

That's why God invented fly fish-

steve galea

OK, he doesn't exactly think I'm macho. But that is precisely why I reasoned some act of incredible bravery was required to reverse that perception. So, I bravely stuck my tongue out at him. When he turned to face me, however, he and the lodge owner were still awaiting an answer.

"Well, are you OK with driving there?" they asked.

"Drive down to the hut? Over the ice? With this really heavy truck? To the hut?" I said.

"You're not nervous about doing that, are you?" they asked.

"Nnnnnn...ervous? Me?" I giggled. "Heck no."

I then explained how I needed to go to the washroom and how it might take an hour and a half or so. Then I handed my buddy the keys and said, "You drive down. I'll meet you there."

"But it's a two mile walk," he lodge owner said.

"Really?" I replied, as I started unloading my valuables. "A nice brisk walk sounds great."

A brief discussion interspersed with some chicken imitations ensued and minutes later I was driving, actually white knuckling it, out on the ice, thinking this must be what the captain of the

We got there just fine and I ejected myself from the truck in record time too. And soon we were fishing. I'm not saying I was nervous, but jigging was far easier that day.

You'd think fishing would have made me feel a little better. But

The fact that we then drilled through three feet of ice didn't help either. Actually, for the first time ever, I was wishing that there was another three feet of the stuff.

I felt uneasy the rest of the day because all I kept trying to remember was exactly how fast global warming was occurring.

The fact that the fishing wasn't very good didn't help either –

although, I thought, on the bright side, there would be no additional weight in my truck.

In the end we returned to shore safely so things turned out fine. And despite what my buddy said, I didn't feel at all embarrassed kissing solid ground.

We're going back next week to give the place another chance. Unfortunately, my truck will be getting an oil change that day. Whatever day that is.



pic of the past

ere is one of a crew of shanty boys moving logs in Haliburton County in 1906. At the time, the terms "lumbermen" and "lumberjacks" had not yet been coined and the men were called "shanty boys" because they lived in shanties in logging camps located in the bush. Submitted by Bob Chambers

Finding all the pieces

GERALD IRISH

A Senior's Moment

When I was much younger someone said to me that you can't find peace until you find all the pieces. I didn't know what they meant. I was quite young and this saying zoomed over my head. Now that I know that in youth we learn and in age we understand it makes more sense.

Some of the pieces we have to locate as we travel down life's road are respect, acceptance, contentment, happiness, forgiveness

Each of these qualities come in two parts. We must respect others. Then we can respect ourselves. We must be accepting of others even with all of their foibles and weaknesses before we can accept our judgmental selves. We must accept contentment for what it is. Sometimes it is not laziness or ignorance. Sometimes it is a delightful lifestyle that we can adopt and find contentment in ourselves. We must always strive to enjoy the

happiness we find in others and work to have it always in our own lives. If we cannot forgive others their minor transgressions, how can we forgive ourselves for some of the stupid things we have done in the past and likely are still doing and very likely will

Love is so important in our lives and always will be the glue that holds all the other qualities together. How sad it is to hear someone use the word hate. Do they really hate or is this just their way of communicating dislike? It is too easy to hate that which we do not understand and of which we are afraid, for it is easier to hate than to try to learn and have compassion.

It does not take a genius to know that at our ages every day is a real gift and a real bonus. Try to incorporate some of the above qualities into your senior life. You'll feel better and set an example for those who will follow. We do not have time to forget these.

Haliburton seniors know how and can lead the way.









Frozen pipes and red hot gripes

Maybelle's



Why if ol' Maybelle isn't back home in Lake WhaddyathinkImean missing the palm trees in Los Angeles, the worldfamous super yummy pastrami at Langer's in downtown L.A., the sand and surf in Malibu, and of course, the sunshine **EVERYWHERE!**

Now don't get me wrong. I LOVE Lake W. But what a shift it took going from sweater-less weather and lush foliage to subzero temperatures,

naked trees and FROZEN PIPES! YIKES! And if it didn't cause gunk to back up into my bathtub, sinks, and the you-know-what!

Well, thank goodness Lake W is one peachy community where friends are the antidote for practically every problem... like my good friends, Vilma Yuccch, Twindle Mumbly, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, and Beanpole Stark-

Why, my first day back, after reuniting with my pet bear, Bogart (boy I missed him something awful) I spent the night at Vilma's. You see, there were lots of folks in Lake W whose pipes froze, and our local plumber-heroes were busy running from one house to the next trying to fix them all, so I had to wait my turn, don'tcha know. Rather than camp out INSIDE my cottage, my good buds took turns having me stay with them.

Why if Vilma and I didn't have a great time flapping our lips and quipping as I showed her every photo I took while I was away. There was colourful Olvera Street, the oldest street in Los Angeles full of fragrant candle shops, chotchkie stands with handtooled leather shoes, belts, and purses. Also, candies, blouses and shirts from Mexico. Colourful cantinas rich with savoury taquitos, tacos, and tamales. And Mexican singers, guitarists and pan pipe players strolling along the cobblestone street serenading

And oh, The Grove -- the prettiest outdoor mall

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these ol' eyes have ever seen. Fountains dancing to the sounds of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and their pals singing great ol' big band tunes while you sat at a bench on the lawn sipping a smart latte, or shopped at Abercrombie & Fitch or other boutique clothing, candy, and interior what's-it stores.

And ooooh, the nut-covered butter toffee that was handmade right in front of my eyes at the adjoining landmark, Farmers' Market. Öne bite sent me higher than heaven it was so rich and bad for me.

And when I showed Vilma the photos of the homes in Beverly Hills, why her eyes popped like champagne corks on New Year's Eve. Why some were the size of hotels!

Now, what I loved so much about my long daily walks in B.H. was looking at the foliage ... some of the most exotic succulents I had ever seen ... and flowers, bright pink and purple. Ohhh, and the lemon trees, full and heavy with fruit. I got plenty of photos

As I wrote last month, I was staying in Beverly Hills with my old friend, Penny Brumbruiser, who was born in Lake W and moved to Hollywood to break into the movies and broke her leg instead. That's right. She fell in love and married her young handsome attending physician, Mel, who today is a top cosmetic surgeon.

And, you know what I liked most about Dr. Mel Brumbruiser? Even though he turns the noses, ears, and chins of his clients into perfectly lovely little things... and he knows how to make you look at least 20 minutes younger ... he looks like he could be Jimmy Durante's younger brother. And ol' Maybelle thinks that's darn right cute!

Oh, the short videos came next, including the one I took of Jay Leno the night before I flew back home. Why if he didn't come into the shop we were in to fill up on gluten free non-dairy frozen yogurt, don'tcha know. Even before I saw his face, I knew it was him. That shock of white hair, his stooped over posture and relaxed, almost messy shirt and jeans.
"Hey, Jay!" Penny yelled. "Come back! We miss you on TV!"

Why if his face didn't turn plum red and his big chin curl like a wrestler's moustache. Vilma liked that video clip. "He look like normal person," she said in her broken English kinda way. "Yes, Vilma," I said. "Lots of folks you see on TV and in movies live there. It's their 'hood,' don'tcha know."

The second night back in Lake W, I stayed in Twindle's Aunt Tula's old room. Victorian to a "V"...even the crocheted doilies were made with stitches from an era gone wayyyy bye-bye. Finally, when I got past the strong odour of mothballs, I fell into a sleep from which I thought I'd never wake up. This ol' gal was tired. And if I didn't dream of being in my own bed in my own little cottage, don'tcha know.

Then came Sybil's house on the third night. By then, two big burly young plumbers had come to my cottage and tried like all get out to snake through the frozen obstruction, but couldn't...even broke the snake head. The next thing I know, the toilet's out of the floor and a metal plug is sitting in its place.

'Gotta get Ollie over here," one of the young plumbers said looking at me like I knew who Ollie was. "He's got a steamer machine that should do the trick."

But Ollie was busy melting somebody else's frozen pipes, so another day went by without any toilet facilities. Well, ol' Maybelle was so desperate to sleep in my own bed that night that I did just that. And it was WONDERFUL! My mattress missed me. I could tell by the way it just hugged me with every little sag.

First thing next morning, I ran straight across the road to Beulah Miller's house...and it wasn't for breakfast tea, don'tcha know. And right now, as I write this, Ollie and his steamer machine are ... oh, excuse me a second.

"What's that, Ollie? You melted through it?" Bring on the marching band, ol' Maybelle has been

The moral to this story? Well, I don't think there is one. You see, the heat was on in the cottage while I was away, and Beanpole kept coming by and running the faucets and flushing the you-know-what, and it

was all working fine. So go figure.
All I know is my friends surrounded me with love, ol' Maybelle and Bogart are reunited, the snow is looking real pretty, I'm going snowshoeing this aft with the gang...and I'm missing the palm trees in Los Angeles less and less with every passing minute.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com



Varty wins Cash for Care early bird draw

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation director Steve McLean, reads the name of the winning ticket holder with HHHSF executive director Dale Walker on Feb. 13 for the first early bird draw in the Cash for Care lottery at the Haliburton hospital. Peter Varty of Haliburton was the recipient of the \$500 cash prize. Varty's ticket was purchased for him by his wife as a Christmas present. . "He's a very good supporter of ours," said Walker. With 4,000 tickets available, to date the lottery has sold just over 60 per cent of the tickets, which are still available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. To purchase call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. The next \$500 draw will take place on March 17, followed by a \$1,000 draw on April 30. The final four draws will take place on May 22. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



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County ambulances go high-visibility

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's ambulances will be more visible in the future, starting with the new ambulance the municipality is buying this year.

At their Feb. 13 meeting, county councillors approved a request from EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones, asking that the county's new ambulances be outfitted with high-visibility decals.

The county is purchasing a new ambu-

lance in 2015 for approximately \$120,000, plus taxes.

Jones requested that vehicle and future ambulances receive high-visibility green decals, the same shade used on the paramedics' jackets.

The county's current decals are white with orange stripes, as was common practice beginning in the 1980s.

"The high-vis green is the most visible to the human eye . . . because it doesn't exist in nature," Jones said, explaining the colour already used on emergency vehicles in other municipalities, including the

neighbouring District of Muskoka.

He said the high-visibility colour makes an especially noticeable difference at night and showed councillors photos, comparing the paint styles.

'Night and day difference," Jones said. Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered what the cost implications were.

Jones said the decal packages the county has used in the past cost about \$1,500 and that the high-visibility decals will cost about \$3,600 per truck.

"It does cost more, yes," Jones said,

but added there was room in his budget, especially with the money the department is saving on diesel.

The county ambulances – there are seven in its fleet - are replaced on a sevenyear cycle, meaning it will take seven years before all the machines are outfitted with the high-visibility colours.

County insurance climbs by \$15,000

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's insurance plan will cost more than \$15,000 more than it did last year.

The municipality's annual insurance renewal is jumping from less than \$193,000 last year to \$207,300 for its 2015/16 policy.

The county purchases insurance from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada.

Treasurer Laura Janke told council-

lors the reason for the price spike is an increase in the county's year-round population, as the company is now using an updated Statistics Canada figure in its calculations.

While it had been using a figure of 14,000 and change, the updated figure pegs the county's permanent population at about 17,000.

"They've now using a new Stats Can number," Janke said. "That drives up their liability policy."

CHA program surveys 2,500 properties

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Nearly 2,500 lakeside property owners will receive report cards on their shorelines this spring through the Coalition of Hali-burton Property Owners' Association's Love Your Lake program.

CHA president Paul MacInnes gave Haliburton County councillors an update on the program during their Feb. 13 meeting.

During the summer, university students and volunteers travelled 11 lakes, observing 2,486 properties.

Natural shorelines, those which are unaltered and contain native vegetation instead of lawns, are beneficial to lakes since they help reduce erosion and contribute minerals such as calcium to lake ecosystems

Benthics - bottom-dwelling invertebrates – are one of the key indicators of lake health and MacInnes said the contrast between the amount of benthics adjacent

to a property with a natural shoreline compared to one without is astounding.

'You'll see an enormous difference in the amount of benthic invertebrates, which are the canary in the coalmine," he told councillors.

Data was collected for Redstone, Little Redstone, Bitter, Burdock, Pelaw, Boshkung, Drag, Spruce, Koshlong, Kashagawigamog and Grass lakes.

Confidential reports with results will be mailed to property owners this spring, leaving it up to them to make environmentally friendly changes to their shorelines if they so wish.

"It lets us know where we stand," Mac-Innes said. "It builds awareness."

Another six lakes - Halls, Big Hawk, Little Hawk, Kawagama, Bear and Kushog containing 2,000 properties are scheduled to be surveyed in 2015.

The CHÁ has been successful in obtaining funding for re-naturalization demonstration sites and is looking for each of the county's municipalities to put forward a

The CHA has gathered some \$225,000 of the \$320,000 it believes it requires, with money coming from the Halibuton Highlands Stewardship Council, The Land Between, the Trillium Foundation, the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Department of Fisheries and

MacInnes told councillors that the program has also yielded hidden benefits, such as business for local designers, landscapers and nurseries as people re-naturalize their shorelines and increased membership for lake associations.

One local association gained nearly 100 new members because of the program, which is being conducted in conjunction with the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.

'Folks are making the connection between shoreline health and lake quality," MacInnes said.

MacInnes said some 50 lake associations have expressed interest in the program.



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It's now easier to sign up for housing

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While Ball waited two and a half years for his unit, others have a much longer wait.

In Haliburton, those looking for a market-rate twobedroom unit at one of the two apartment buildings run by the Haliburton Community Housing Corporation can expect an 11 year wait. For a rent geared to income unit, or RGI, the wait is about five years.

Minden's community housing is much the same with an estimated 10-year wait for market rent and about three years for RGI at Staanworth Non-Profit Housing

The area's housing managers say those with even a slight inkling that they might want to live in community housing should put their name on the wait list long before their circumstances dictate they move in.

"Just get on," says Maple View administrator Kathy

You don't have to accept it [the offer of an apartment]. You don't have to say yes, you don't have to say no until I phone you. Then you have to decide."

Maple View includes 24 apartments and 10 town-houses in Wilberforce and includes market rent and RGI with some accessible units.

Rogers says she often gets applications for the town-houses when someone is moving out. The applicants don't necessarily understand that vacancies are filled

through a waiting list and they need to plan ahead.

Maureen Smith, 64, applied for an apartment at Echo Hills seven years ago. She appreciates that she no longer has to shovel snow or cut grass and said she's noticed many of the retirees engaged in regular social events

"I work all day," she says, noting she is one of the younger tenants in the building. "I go home and do my thing. It's nice not having any responsibility [for property

maintenance]. You shut your door; no cares, no worries."
Barbara Fawcett, housing manager for Haliburton Community Housing Corporation, is in charge of Parklane and Echo Hills in Haliburton. Parklane has 50 units for seniors only and Echo Hills has 45 units with no

As with other housing providers, she's expected to maintain a 70-30 ratio of RGI to market rent tenants.

Fawcett encourages people to be proactive like Smith and get their name in for a unit.

She said rules have changed around income levels and RGI lists. Applicants no longer have to qualify for subsidized housing when they apply – they only have to be low income when the unit is offered to them.

"It means that when you're in your middle years, say you're 50ish and you know there's a 10-year wait time

Just get on [the list]. ... You don't have to say yes, you don't have to say no until I phone you.

> Maple View administrator Kathy Rogers

and you've got some plans to retire ... you can at least get on the wait list and be ready, even if you don't qualify the first time you're called," she says.

The process of getting on the list has been simplified, too. An online application takes only minutes to com-

It took Doreen French, 81, about four years to get a place at Staanworth in Minden. She was living in the United States and had family in Carnarvon. One family member told her it was prudent to get her name in early.

"I stayed with my sister until I got this apartment," she says. "I didn't even look around. I was willing to wait for it."

French says there is plenty to do and an active community within Staanworth Terrace that organizes coffee, cards and bingo among other things.

Les Duncan, the property manager of Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation, has been managing housing for a long time – first in the city before coming to

He says the trends in Minden are much different than those in Toronto.

"In the south, you would have very large lists for folks [using] rent geared to income and very short lists for people on market [rent] because they have many more options in Toronto and Durham," he said.

The lack of housing in Minden contributes to the heavy demand for apartments at market rate.

Applicants for community housing are put on one of

There is a market rent list, an RGI list managed by the City of Kawartha Lakes, a list of those who need accessible apartments and a list of survivors of domestic vio-

The housing managers are not allowed to disclose which tenants came from which lists, but the appearance that some people make it through the list faster can lead to misunderstanding and animosity.

"One of the biggest challenges we find is people don't understand why when they applied five years ago, they're not getting the call, but someone who applied

[more recently] gets the call," Fawcett says.

"The City of Kawartha Lakes does annual operating reviews," says Fawcett. "We're required to report to them as we go through the wait list for the next tenants. So, it is virtually impossible for us to skew the wait list."

No matter which list potential tenants are interested in, there is a waiting period involved. The most important thing is to get your name on the list earlier than later.



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Brainstorming event to be held at Baked and Battered Monday, Feb. 23

in Haliburton

LGBTQ youth

Supporting

JENN WATT

Editor

A group of local organizations is coming together to find

ways of supporting LGBTQ youth in Haliburton County.
On Monday, Feb. 23, a 'Fund-and-Friend Raiser' event designed to gather friends, allies and champions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer and questioning youth will be held at Baked and Battered in Haliburton.

"It's going to be an organic experience. We don't know who is going to come. We know the kinds of conversations we hope to have," said Kim Dolan, executive director of PARN, which runs the Rainbow Youth Program in Peterborough. PARN, Point in Time, the health unit and the school board, have been collaborating for more than a year, strategizing on how to make Haliburton County a more inclusive space for young people.

"As an agency that provides support to children and families in the community, we're seeing a number of youth that would identify as being on the rainbow [of sexual orientation] and know first-hand from the experiences they've shared with us how they would benefit from being in a more inclusive and supportive community," says Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time.

Some youth struggle with sharing their true selves with their families or their faith community for fear of rejection or ridicule, which can lead to mental health issues, Cox

says.

"If you wouldn't identify as being mainstream (and that could be meaning you would classify yourself on the rainbow continuum somewhere, or it could mean that you have a learning disability, it could be you're from a visible minority, etc.), you're more likely to be marginalized. The more people are marginalized the more people are likely to be experiencing isolation and things like social support networks really give you resiliency," she says.

Sometimes it comes down to portrayals in the media and

in society about what one's life should look like.

'We all suffer the consequences of being subjected to mainstream portrayals of what we should look like and what we should do and how much we should eat, that's kind of across the board," says Dolan. "Most heterosexual folks see themselves depicted in lots of different ways through popular media and posters and magazines, television, that kind of thing. That's not as possible for LGBTQ

The event on Monday runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Baked and Battered, 128 Highland St., in Haliburton, and will include music by Evangeline Gentle, spoken word performance by Bailey Smith, networking and conversation about making the county a more inclusive environment. Cost of admission is \$10.

Baked and Battered co-owner Colby Marcellus said business support can be a big part of creating inclusive space. "Business owners and community leaders can play an

important role building an inclusive community that all youth, including those who identify as LGBTQ, can thrive in. By creating safe and supportive spaces where they can be themselves, as well as by creating inclusive work environments free from bullying, we give the message to our youth that they are valued and respected and that Haliburton can be a community they can build a life in," he said.

Cox says the shape of what's to come will depend on what comes out of meetings like the one on Monday.

"Some communities have a local chapter of P-FLAG [a group for sexual orientation and gender identity issues] . it's a support group for each other and also a way to increase public awareness. Whether we decide to join the nearest local chapter or start our own or whether people are more interested in having general community awareness events, we need to see how this one goes and what the feedback is we get from people."

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frost fest



Skaters take to the oval in Head Lake Park during Frost Fest on Feb. 14. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Perhaps inspired by the date of the dip - Valentine's Day - this couple had a romantic moment before taking the plunge on Feb. 14 in Head Lake. /JENN WATT Staff

Right, Team Village People - Chris, Chad and Scott Mills along with Richard Harper dance to YMCA at the edge of Head Lake before taking the plunge at the Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge on Feb. 14 for charity. /JENN WATT Staff



This snowy game of broomball had children and parents in on the fun./CHAD INGRAM Staff





Moose FM's Rick Lowes stands with Maggie Harris (as giant chicken) of Canoe FM on the banks of Head Lake with spectators taking advantage of a Kodak moment. Each raised more than \$1,000 for HHHSF's palliative care unit. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Horseback rides were a popular draw for famillies during Frost Fest at Head Lake Park on Feb. 14./ CHAD INGRAM Staff



Margaret and Ashley Zahn, dressed for Valentine's Day, kept smiling despite the frigid water. Early estimates are about \$9,000 raised for Sick Kids Eye Project and about \$5,000 for HHHSF's palliative care centre from all donors./JENN WATT Staff



Team Polar Chickens anticipate the shock they're about to experience.



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We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

Sponsors and volunteers needed for IFSS races

Dogsled Tours) for many years now. Halibuton Forest will be a new and exciting venue for all the sledders and skijorers."

Officially, this news was announced on Feb. 2 through the IFSS president, Helen Lundberg, in a press release.

Lundberg said Haliburton "is well known for its numerous year-round

outdoor activities." A date for the event has yet to be

determined. There has apparently never been an IFSS World Championships where all races from skijoring to long distance (dogsledding) are carried out on the same site with in a relatively short time frame (a week and a half or so).

"We are going to need sponsors and have been developing a spon-

sor plan and we will need many volunteers on the trail during the championship and on organizing committee/sub-committees. We already have an offer for first aid from Huntsville's Sport's Lab and a volunteer form Kearney Dog Sled Race! Every great plan starts with baby steps," she said.



[Haliburton] is well known for its numerous yearround outdoor activities.

> - Helen Lundberg IFSS president



Cookin' up love Above, Dolores Lee was hard at

work decorating sugar cookies for Valentine's Day at Extendicare on Feb. 13. The resident of the long-term care home was creating works of art, sprinkling cinnamon hearts and multi-coloured sprinkles on the cupid inspired baked goods.



Artlovers' STAYcation returns at Rails End

Chase the February blues away with three days of inspiring workshops aimed to boost your creativity levels, heighten the senses and get your mind in motion! Participants can pick and choose from a menu of adult

workshops and talks or sign on for all three days.
Sessions include creativity booster, yoga and zentangle, making sense of scents, synthetic watercolour papers, humour and whimsy in art and more.

And if you are spoiling for some lighthearted art action there's Win, Lose or Draw Fight Nite on Thursday evening. This is a social event when artists of all skill levels draw their pencils in timed bouts and sketch to win the favour of the audience as they vie for the Rails End Cup! Live models will add a new twist to this raucous ring-

For registration visit www.railsendgallery.com or call 705-457-2330. The Artlovers' STAYcation is presented by Rails End Gallery and Arts Council Haliburton High-

Submitted



ADVANCE TICKET SALES

Limited quantity available at: West Guilford Shopping Centre & West Guilford Auto Centre

Ride ONLY tickets will be sold the day of the event. 9:30am - 12pm at the **Community Center. All cards must** be drawn by 5pm. No exceptions.

Dinner/Dance \$25

Tickets also available at ouch of Class Day Spa and Hai Salon in Haliburton

Last Checkpoint Community Centre 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm





West Guilford Community Center ATV and Poker Run Dinner & Dance



And the winner is ...

Mark Gordon of Haliburton (and a Haliburton Forest leasee) was the proud winner of this year's Haliburton Forest Poker Run Ski-Doo. Gordon has participated in the poker run three times over the years. Photo submitted by Kim Gordon

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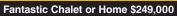














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Sports



COSSA: a place to carve up the competition

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks snowboarding team is sending 14 snowboarders to the all-provincials on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Blue Mountain.

25 at Blue Mountain.

Hawks snowboarder Robin Hogarth finished first among the girls' small field of only Highlands riders while teammate Regan Casey led the boys, coming in second within the individual race.

The two Hawks will be joined by Hunter McTeague and Christine Bishop in the individual category for girls.

With a second for team A, the boys will send Casey, Mac Moynes, Hunter Bishop, Del Meyers and Glenn Bagg while team B finished third to send Preston Roberts, Brenden McKee, Abe Churko, Nolan Nicholson and Josh Rowden. Josh Rowden.

Being the only team at COSSA, the Hawks girls' team of Hogarth, Bishop, McTeague and Alanna Casper advanced.







Clockwise, from top left, Hawks rider Hunter McTeague finished second to advance in the individual category and the first in team event to earn a berth to the all-provincials; McTeague's teammate Robin Hogarth captured the COSSA crown, beating out the field of Hawks riders and advanced with her team to the all-provincials; Brenden McKee will join Hogarth because of his team finishing third; and Abe Churko joins McKee in the team event.



Red Hawks winger Paydon Miscio works the puck into the I.E. Weldon (IEW) Secondary School's zone in a 9-0 route of the Lindsay based team on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks are 7-1 while the IEW Wildcats are the only winless team (as of Feb. 9) in the Kawartha High School Hockey League

Hawks seize top spot

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A 4-1 win over the Holy Cross Hurricanes and a 4-3 win over Cobourg West on Thursday, Feb. 12 by the Red Hawks boys' hockey team gave them enough points to seize first place and home arena advantage throughout the Kawartha High School Hockey League playoffs, heading into the eight-team first round.

The Hawks will play on the road today (Tuesday) against the Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs and then return home to play them in the rubber match this Friday at 2:30 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The Mustangs, who were nine points behind the Hawks as the eighth seed, finished with five wins, five losses and one tie. They scored 36 goals, but gave up 43 goals while the Hawks scored 60 and only allowed 20 for a team on the way to win-

ning 10 and losing one game.

The winner of the Mustangs and Hawks playoff games will advance and be part of the final four. They will play in the Kawartha Championships on Feb. 26 and play at the top-rated school's arena.

Just the day before the Hurricanes' game, all that was needed was one goal and it was virtually over for the I.E. Weldon Wildcats who came to play the Red Hawks hockey team on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

In most cases, a game is never over until it's over but when the last place team in the Kawartha High School Hockey League team came to town it was an easy prediction that the Haliburton faithful were going home happy within a few minutes of the start.

Hawks head coach Ron Yake characterized the 9-0 win as "very easy" for his

'[The Wildcats] have had a tough go this year. They've competed against some

of the teams that are at the lower end [of the league], but they've had a tough go. It was an easy game for our guys, but that happens in high school hockey ... it happens in all high school sports," he said.

Despite the domination by the Hawks and a possibility to disrespect, Yake said

the Wildcats' coach complimented the team who played with "respect and didn't try to run the score up."

Yake told his team after about the com-

The respect was paid both ways, as the visitors played a clean game and didn't resort to any dirty play, even when down by five goals to start the third period.

"It was fun [for my team]. It probably wasn't fun for the other guys, but I give them credit for going hard right to the end," he said.

Hawks goalie Logan Churko earned

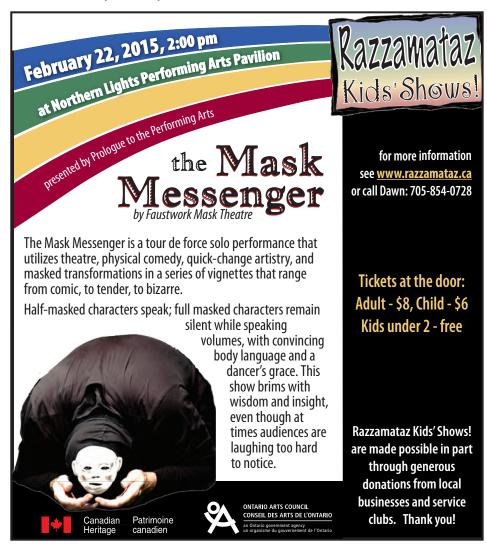
the shutout in the lopsided win.
Yake said Churko didn't have to make many saves, but did so when he needed

The Hawks top scorer and second best in the league (as Feb. 11) Ballantyne led the way with the first goal in the first on a tip from a hard pass from linemate Joel

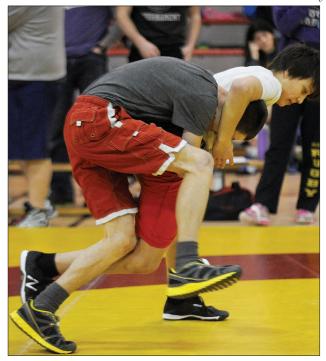
It was the eventual game winner and the eight subsequent goals were the proverbial gravy.

Ballantyne finished with a hat-trick and four points (three goals and one assist) while teammate Wood had the most points with five (two goals-one of which scored from his knees - and three assists).

The scoring was a team affair with 11 different players finishing with a point, as Devon Upton had a pair of goals and an assist, Mac Rider one goal, Jacob Bishop a goal and an assist while Fedeski added three assists, Owen Flood a pair of assists, and Matt Wilbee, Blake Wood, Andrew Hall and Ryan Hill each adding an assist.







Above, Red Hawks wrestler Lucas Bortolussi (51 kilograms), in white, holds Marcus Gannon of Port Hope.

Right, Hawks wrestler Sonya Flatman (54 kilogram) shows her winning form.

Bottom, Caleb Bowyer, left, of Cobourg Collegiate Institute grapples with Red Hawks wrestler Matt Sexsmith (95

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted the Kawartha Wrestling Championships on Wednesday, Feb. 11.



· Natice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-005/09

Applicant: Estate of Thomas Franklin MADILL s/t Miles & Lammien ROBERTS Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 18, Concession 8, being Lot 5, Block I, Plan 1, Geographic Township of Dysart Nature of the Application: Easement

2. File No. H-049/14

Applicant: Patricia BRYDON Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

File No. H-003/15

Applicant: James CUSHING & Sarah SHARTAL Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 32, Concession 15, Geographic Township of Glamorgan Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

File No. H-050/14 & H-051/14

Applicant: Keith & Irene WHEELER

Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Glamorgan Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 17th day of February, 2015

Secretary-Treasurer Haliburton County Land Division Committee 11 Newcastle Street P. O. 399 K0M 2K0 Minden, Ontario Telephone: (705) 286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248 Fax: (705) 286-4829

E-mail: mmoore@county.haliburton.on.ca



14 Hawks wrestlers prepare for COSSA this week

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There was success across the board at this year's Kawartha Wrestling Championships on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

From the HHSS organizers of the championship event to the 14 local Red Hawks wrestlers, who advanced with top four finishes to this week's Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) Championships at Quinte Secondary School in Belleville, there were plenty of positives to build from.

Hawks coach Paul Klose said his athletes performed as expected.

The team was led by first place performances from Keagan Gillam (41 kilograms) and Matt Pheaton (57.5 kilo-

Despite the strong finishes, Klose knows this week will be a tougher test.

'I'm not too sure of our chances because we haven't been to many tournaments in the Quinte region. It's difficult to say what the calibre is like in the other area. Our athletes will need to bring their best game to the mat," he wrote in an email.

"The tournament ran very smoothly. We had great help with the tournament draw and scorekeeping. This is what makes the event flow," he said.

At Kawartha, the Outstanding Male and Female Wrestling awards, which are supplied because of the Kawartha officials, went to Kenner's Samantha Clarke and Zack Mcfaiden of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute.

Hawks results

Second place finishers Matt Sexsmith (95 kilograms) Sonya Flatman (54 kilograms) Emily Klose (61 kilograms)

Third place finishers Carmen Galea (61 kilograms) Claire Karaguesian (51 kilograms) Lucas Bortolussi (51 kilograms) Marques Bortolussi (83 kilograms) Tom Paul (77 kilograms)

Fourth place finishers Rebecca Hamilton (51 kilograms) Lloyd Calfas (130 kilograms) Justin Irvine (72 kilograms) Matt Manning (61 kilograms)





Top, Red Hawks wrestler Carmen Galea (61 kilograms), top, looks to the ref, working for points during a match where she eventually pinned her opponent Madison Duke of I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

Above, Red Hawks wrestler AJ Gillam (77 kilograms), left, tries to defend against Graham Fairbaien of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute.

14 Red Hawks wrestlers advanced to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championships this week at Quinte Secondary School in Belleville. The top four finishers in each weight class at Kawartha advanced



County of Haliburton **REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS**

The County of Haliburton will be accepting quotes to provide the following materials and/or services:

> **Aggregate Material Supply Quotes** 2015

2015-01 Hired Truck & Equipment Quoted Rates To be received no later than March 9, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

2015-02 Road Sweeping To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. 2015-03 Supply & Delivery of Guide Posts

To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @1:30 p.m. 2015-04 Roadside Mowing

To be received no later than March 2, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. 2015-12 Supply & Delivery of **Warning and Regulatory Signage**

To be received no later than March 3, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

Quotes are to be submitted on quotation forms provided by the County. For further information or to obtain forms, please contact:

> Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant County of Haliburton, Public Works Dept. 13 St. Germaine Street, P.O. box 399 Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Tel: 705-285-1762 x 225 Fax: 705-286-4881 Email: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca

Above right, Cobourg Collegiate Institute's Corbin Dunk, left, faces off against the Red Hawks wrestler Tom Paul (77 kilograms).

Photos by Darren Lum



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. C503-26.6-15

HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING

LOCATION:

COUNTY ROAD NO. 503

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the intersection of County Road 3 and terminating East of County Road 507

COUNTY ROAD NO. 507

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the Intersection of County Road 503 and terminating at the intersection of Contau Lake Road

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contractconsists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The pulverization and milling of the existing road surface and re-shaping/grading of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100 mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the
- upper base course, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall, The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the
- Approximate Quantities:

HL4 Surface Course Granular'A' Shoulders/Entrances In-Place Processing Cold Milling (50mm curb areas) R&R Cable Guide Rail

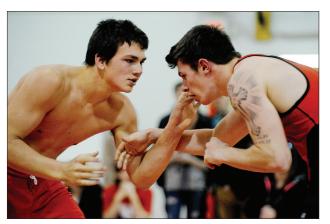
2,300 tonnes 5,200 tonnes 17,000 sq.m 4,000 sq.m

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Public Works Department, 13 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario

Until:

1:00 p.m. Local Time on March 2, 2015

For Tender Forms, Please Contact: Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant (705)-286-1762 Email: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca



Notice



County of Haliburton

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. 2015-22

HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING LOCATION(S):

COUNTY ROAD No. 7(a)

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing 97m South of the intersection of Shanes Circle continuing Northerly for approximately 470m,

terminating 61m South of Green Lake Road

COUNTY ROAD No. 7 (b)

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing 16m South of the intersection of Backwoods Lane continuing Northerly for approximately 4.8km, terminating 100m North of Growler Lake Drive

COUNTY ROAD No. 14
Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal and
Hot Mix Patching to a Rural Section of Roadway Commencing at the intersection of Hwy#118 continuing Northerly for approximately 8.6km, terminating 100m North of Eagle Lake Road.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The pulverization of the existing road surface and re-shaping/ grading of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the upper base course, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall, The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section, and
- The Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal

Approximate Quantities: HI 4 Surface Course 5.950 tonnes Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances 14,650 tonnes 52,600 sq.m In-Place Processing Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal 62,800 sq.m R&R 3 Cable Guide Rail Adjust Steel Beam Guide Rail 545 m

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 13 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario

11:00 a.m. Local Time on March 2, 2015 **FOR TENDER FORMS,** Please Contact: Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant

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Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel a huge success

On Feb. 6, 7, and 8, 24 teams, 96 curlers and five visiting curling clubs came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the annual Todd's Independent mixed bonspiel. Clubs being represented were Oshawa, Elora, York Newmarket, Richmond Hill, St. George's and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food! Many thanks to the following sponsors: Todd's Independent, Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member of the club, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Real-

Congratulations to the winners of the A Event from Haliburton skipped by Bob Johnston, vice, Kim Lewis, second, Ron Draper, lead, Candy Robinson. Runners up were from St. George's skipped by Matt Glandfield, vice, Brenda Johnston, second, Ben Stadelmann and lead, Kate Stadelmann. Third place in the A event was skip, Mark Freure, vice, Kathy Freure, second, Ian Downey and lead, Nancy Downey from Elora.

Winning team of the B event were from Oshawa skipped by Brian Rutherford, vice, Andi Kelcey, second, Doug Browning and lead, Terry Rutherford. Runners up were from York skipped by Samantha Fuller, vice, Andrew Fuller, second, Steve Bilsland and lead Denise Bilsland. Third place went to skip, Mike Tambosso, vice, Marlee Tolhurst, second Everett Wood and lead Judith Baxter from the Richmond Hill Curling club.

Winning team of the C event was a team from Haliburton skipped by Kent Milford, vice, Jan Ashall, second, Rick Ashall, and lead, Lesley Milford. Runners up from Richmond Hill were skip, John Rumney, vice, Mary Hillaby, second, Don Hillaby and lead, Wendy Rumney. Third place went to the team from York skipped by Tim Shields, vice, Rachel Shields, second, David Allen and lead, Margaret Allen.

Winning team of the D event was skipped by Bob





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The team from Haliburton, winning the A event sponsored by Todd's Independent. Skip Bob Johnston, vice Kim Lewis, second Ron Draper and lead Candy Robinson.

Hevey, vice, Lesleigh Hevey, second Steve Bilsland and lead, Denise Bilsland from the York curling club. Runner up was a team from Oshawa skipped by Rick Rosnak, vice, Sharon Rosnak, second, Jim Thedorf and lead Patricia Thedorf. In third place was Mark Buhlman and his team of vice, Ericka Buhlman, second, Wilf Goodman and lead, Meg Goodman from the York Curling Club.

Bonspiel Convenor, Mary Hillaby and her team of Bob Johnston, Sue Mason, Wendy Hewson, Ron Draper, April Martin and Rick Ashall want to thank and recognize the sponsors, and local businesses (Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC, Dave Freeman, Wayne Hussey, Jan Ashall, Lolita Mitchell, Sir Sam's Inn and Ski Hill, Haliburton TIM-BR-MART, The Pump Shop, V&S Haliburton, Country Pickin's, Head's Up Hairstylists, M&M, Andy Paterson and the Wine Store, Minden for their generous donations. Efforts from amazing kitchen helpers and many members of the Day Ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's suc-

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technician, John Watson and his team of Ron Draper and Mitch Stephen.

Congratulations to everyone and many teams told Mary they would be back next year!

Submitted

Red Hawks avenge early season loss

On Dec. 10, at Haliburton High Secondary School, Fenelon Falls defeated the Red Hawks senior basketball team, 30-24. On Monday, Feb. 9, the Red Hawks avenged that loss, defeating them in Fenelon Falls, 38-33. That victory put the Red Hawks records in their conference at 5-4, the first time all season that the Red Hawks have been above .500 in conference play.

The game was tied at the end of the first quarter, 9-9. The Red Hawks led at halftime, 19-16. The game see-sawed back and forth, resulting in Fenelon Falls leading after three quarters, 25-24. The Red Hawks stormed back with a dynamic defensive effort in the fourth quarter, resulting in the five point

The Red Hawks were led in scoring by Will Stephenson, who scored a career high 18 points. Stephenson also had five rebounds, two steals and two assists. Hunter Smith was the second highest scorer with eight points, including two three pointers. Cody Bain led the team in steals with five. Nick Thompson also had five rebounds. Angus Sullivan had three rebounds and three steals in limited playing time because of a sprained ankle suffered early in the third quarter, causing him unable to return to the floor. Teammates Caleb Schmidt, Ben Davis, Jalen Campbell and McKay Coneybeare also saw action.

Coach Dave Waito attributed the victory to the very fine defense run by the team, hustling all the time, causing Feneion falls to turn the ball over many times. Also, the Red Hawks limited their turnovers to 17, a season low. The team has been striving to reduce its turnovers. Coach Waito also said that Stephenson played his best game as a Red Hawk. He was out-

Submitted by Gord Cochrane

Senior boys play Falcon Classic

The Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team travelled to Petawawa for the annual Falcon Classic. The boys improved tremendously throughout the tournament, gaining knowledge from seasoned players.

Submitted by Judi Paul



The team from Oshawa winning the B event sponsored by Phyllis Woodcock. Skip Brian Rutherford, vice Andi Kelcey, second Doug Browning and lead Terry Rutherford.



The team from Haliburton winning the C event sponsored by Minden Subaru. Skip Kent Milford, vice Jan Ashall, second Rick Ashall and lead Lesley Milford.



The team from York winning the D event sponsored by Re/Max Country North Realty. Skip Bob Hevey accepted the trophy from representative Greg Metcalfe. Vice, Lesleigh Hevey, second Steve Bilsland and lead, Denise Bilsland.

Junior Red Hawks face tough loss

The junior Red Hawks basketball team played an intense and inspired game against the league-leading Fenelon Falls Falcons. Despite losing 40-19, the boys contested every shot and made the Falcons work hard for every bucket. Owen Patterson-Smith led the Hawks with five points, while Sam Longo, Chris Thompson, and Cam Little had four points each.

Snowboards, hockey and skis

The snowboarding team travelled to Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake for the Kawartha Championships on Friday, Feb. 6. Our boys' team placed first and third overall and our girls' team placed first overall. In individual boys Regan Casey won gold and Josh Rowden bronze. In individual girls Robin Hogarth won gold, Hunter McTeague silver, and Christine Bishop bronze.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, the Red Hawks varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Fenelon Falls to keep their Kawartha championship goal alive with a needed win. After a slow first period start, the Red Hawks jumped out to a second period 3-0 lead. The Falcons spoiled our shutout late in the third period. The Hawks netted another goal to finish the game with a 4-1 victory. Haliburton snipers were Erin Little, Sydney Feir, Alicia Mclean, and Kenndal Marsden.

At the COSSA Nordic Skiing competition on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Hardwood Hills, Sam Longo competed in the longest race of his life and posted his fastest average speed, qualifying for OFSAA with a fifth place finish in junior boys.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Storm girls blaze through first round of playoffs

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls wrapped up their first round of their League Playoffs Friday night in Haliburton against the Lindsay Lynx.

The Storm won the four-point series, 4-0 with their second win, Friday night with a score of 3-2.

Brynn Meyers gave the Storm an early first period lead putting the puck into the net off a goal mouth scramble. Kenndal Marsden made it 2-0 late in the first with a quick wrister beating the Lindsay tender glove side.

A power-play marker made the score 3-0 in the second period with Kenndal Marsden's one-timer snap shot off a sweet pass from Cassidy Garbutt ... just like in practice. The pesky Lynx never gave up and capitalized on a bouncing seeing-eye single that found its way into the back of the net midway through the third period

The Storm had trouble finding their first period uptempo gear as they tried to close out the game.

Lindsay made the game a nail-biter off a ricochet puck drawing close at 3-2 with less than two minutes to play.

The Storm defence stepped up and shut down any further Lynx attacks to secure the win and take the first round series. The Storm will now face the West Northumberland Wild in round two.

The Storm also started their Provincial Playdowns last Thursday night on the road against the Keene Wolver-

The four game series against Keene, Cold Creek (Haliburton Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.), Peterborough (Haliburton at 2 p.m.) and West Northumberland (Sun on the road) will determine who represents our region at the Provincial Playdowns.

The Storm girls battled the Wolverines in a hard fought contest. After two scoreless periods, Kelsey Maracle Maracle put the Strom up 1-0 early in the third period with a quick snap shot that beat the Keene tender low blocker-

Keene had a chance to tie the game midway through the third period with a breakaway, but Connor Marsden stoned the Wolverine sniper to maintain the 1-0 lead.

With the Keene goalie pulled and less than a minute left in the game, Kenndal Marsden iced the win with an empty netter to secure the 2-0 win.

The top team in this round robin play format will advance to the All-Ontario Provincial midget B weekend Championship at the end of March.

Our record to date for the season, including league play, tournament, playoffs and playdowns is a stellar 2-1-3! Keep up the focused play girls and keep the gas tank charged as we continue to hit the ice for League Playoffs and Provincial Playdowns. Your efforts determine our success. Submitted by Dan Marsden



Window shopping

"My daughter Kristina's indoor cat Cinder came to visit and we have a bird feeder on the window. This was great entertainment for the cat," writes Linda Heeps.



It pays to shop locally

Luke Schell and Nelly Ashworth of the Haliburton BIA present the \$1,000 Buy In and Win prize winnings to Trish Fortier, middle. The winning ballot in the local shopping contest was from Shoppers Drug Mart. /SUBMITTED

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Keeping old traditions alive at the Outpost

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Hilda Clark

Court Whist, a very old card game was enjoyed at the local museum last Friday afternoon. In its years as a Red Cross Outpost nursing station, the building not only served the health and medical needs of the community it was often the hub for social gatherings. So the small group playing Court Whist was keeping that old tradition alive. Add a few rounds of crokinole for spare players and then refreshments - another Wilberforce tradi-

Always held near Valentine's Day the annual women's curling bonspiel was held on Feb. 6 and 7 this year at the Wilberforce Club. Teams entered each played a game Friday evening and two on Saturday. The winning team was skipped by Melanie Lewis with Kathy McQuigge vice, Joanne Coumbs second and lead Mary Sue Martin. All are from this area. Congratulations! Second place went to the Ashley Campbell team with players from Wilberforce and Haliburton. Andrea Donaldson's team placed third.

Of the eight teams entered two from the Newmarket area were skipped by Donna Feavreau and Denise Evans. Donna's late father Don, an avid curler, played a lead role in having a women's bonspiel at the local club. When a new trophy was needed one was donated in his name by his wife Iona. His daughter Donna and friends have played in and supported the meet for a number of years. Denise as a longtime Harcourt Park year-round cottager feels very much at home here. Glad everyone had fun.

During winter/March break there is the Child + One

bonspiel on Saturday, March 14. Teams are made up of children/youth and one or two adults. Always a fun day with lunch included. For information about it or the men's spiel later in March call Tammy at 705-448-3807 or Darrell at 705-447-0197.

How time flies! Fifty years ago on Feb. 15, 1965, our Canadian flag was finally approved. After all the discussions, arguments and controversy in Parliament and across the land we had a distinctive flag of our own. flying at home and abroad. Oh, Canada. The Maple Leaf

Time flies so quickly too for those who have reached four score years of age and over. And the two years between the group education sessions which those drivers 80 and over must attend seem to fly by extra quickly. In any case we are still at the wheel!

Thanks to all for your caring ways over the last few weeks. All goes well. And perhaps to celebrate we won't give up anything for Lent which begins after Ash Wednesday this week. On the other hand, what would be the healthy thing to do?

Family to celebrate their miracle in Minden

After seven years of living life in a wheelchair due to Post Polio Syndrome, God surprised Phyllis Sisson with a miracle while spending a quiet evening at home. God quite unexpectedly healed her fragile and disabled body, and put her back on her feet instantly. There was no other explanation than that God had done it – even her doctors agreed that it was a miracle.

Atrophied muscles returned immediately, her deformed foot changed its shape, and the leg that was shorter than its partner was suddenly equal length. Her respiratory muscles no longer struggled to make breathing effortless, limbs moved smoothly without pain or

with ease. It was amazing!
It was 20 years ago that Phyllis had this incredible experience, and friends and family are going to gather to remember and celebrate on the actual anniversary of the miracle. The public is invited to attend this free event on Friday, Feb. 20 at Minden Bible Church. Refreshments will be served from 6:45 p.m. until the program begins

Many people are surprised to hear that Phyllis did not attend healing services, and had never actually asked God to heal her. Phyllis says: "As a young teenager I had studied the Bible to see what it said about healing. My conclusion was that if God wanted to heal me He could, but that if He chooses not to He would continue to give me the strength to handle the challenges.

Everyone, especially those dealing with serious illness and loss, will be encouraged as Phyllis shares the details of her story, and speaks about the experiences she has had since then. Others will participate in the program, giving their own observations of Phyllis while in her wheelchair and afterwards. Interspersed will be songs by local musicians, and if time allows, there will be a Q&A

Örganizer Donna-Lee, Phyllis's daughter, says "We want everyone who may have heard about this in the past, as well as those that haven't, to have a chance to hear this astonishing account. My mother is an ordinary woman who knows the comfort and joy of a personal relationship with an extraordinary God." All are invited to spread the word about this casual and interesting event.

Phyllis has travelled internationally and spoken to audiences as large as 1,500, and enjoys talking about God's goodness in all circumstances, including hard-

Submitted by Donna-Lee Sisson



Workshops, winter fun and photography at fundraiser

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Eleanor Cooper

Sylvia Claridge was part of the team that led the youth group to Parry Sound on Feb. 6 to 8. This annual event was supported well by the Haliburton United Church where a fundraising dinner had been held on Jan. 30. The group of 20 were enthusiastic over the winter games, which were fun for those present from Grade 6 and older.

Tim Tofflemire led the workshop on photography and Carl MacFarlane presented the pottery workshop with a hands-on time using clay to mould.

Caroline and Brian Claridge led in music and worship

Black Light Theatre both entertained and educated in Linda Davison's presentation in this aspect of worship. Each member produced his or her own tie-dyed T-shirt, demonstrated by Lois Foster, and Sylvia taught them felting technique.

The youth group ensured that the facility, the Ontario Camp for the Deaf, was left in even better shape than

when they arrived.

An audience of about 40 were well entertained in the program of 12 numbers on Valentine's Day at Maple Lake United Church. There was the delight of hearing Hannah Klose open the program by the singing of *The Moon and I* and Margaret Milne's viola solo of *Hun*garian Dance, both accompanied by Bill Gliddon, Beth Johns, Mika Titze and Norris Turner added their expertise on strings on violins and guitar before the singing of Wayne Cooper, Brent Dolstra and Christopher Chumbley of Father, We Lift Our Hearts to You. Brenda Gallant sang Always and Kathleen played several jigs - two-steps on the keyboard. Ev Stata read two of her own poems and I read an Irish poem. John Miller incorporated his solo And I Love you So into the Love Me Tender with audience

Cheryl Cohoon and Wayne Cooper sang a favourite Burns poem and the evening closed with the usual delicious refreshments which included Judy Carpenter's Valentine-decorated cake. Albert Carpenter's contribution to the evening was the role of MC.

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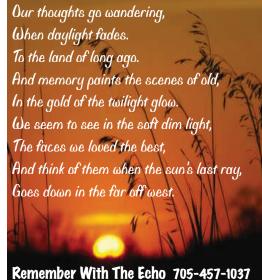
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Lillian Shirley Mae Gorveatt

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Loving mother of Michael Gorveatt and his wife Jacqueline of Cobourg and predeceased by Kimberly Gilmore and Rodney Gorveatt. Loving grandmother of Aiden and Ashton. Dear sister of Bonny, Barb and predeceased by Bill, Doug and Joyce. Sisterin-law to Dorothy and Don. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the

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The course - which covered such topics as demographics of the affluent, lifestyle segmentation, trends and amenities in today's luxury home product, and creating a marketing plan for the multimillion dollar property - was taught by Laurie Moore-Moore, President of the Dallas-based Institute for Luxury Home Marketing and author of the book Rich Buyer, Rich Seller! The Real Estate Agents' Guide to Marketing Luxury Homes.

"The course is a step to earning the prestigious Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist (CLHMS) designation which The Institute awards internationally to sales professionals who meet performance standards in the upper-tier residential market," said Moore-Moore. "Linda Baumgartner is an example of a sales associate who works to hone the special skills and competencies necessary to provide exceptional service in the fine homes and estates

Linda Baumgartner is an award-winning sales associate who has been in real estate since 1988 and specializes in the Haliburton County market. "The training provided new insight about the upper tier market, helped me

agents across the country who specialize in luxury properties." said Baumgartner. "In addition, I discovered new and creative tools for promoting expensive homes and estates and new resources for finding buyer prospects. Home buyers and sellers will benefit from my new knowledge.

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